GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF INDORE KHANDWA RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to convert Indore-Khandwa railway line via, Pithampur into broadgauge is pending;

(b) whether this line is likely to be connected with Indore-Dewas-Ujjain broad gauge line, which is likely to boost tourism apart from facilitating transportation of goods;

(c) whether it is proposed to use the same technology for the Ghats falling between Indore-Khandwa broad gauge rail line as was used in Jammu & Kashmir and Konkan railway; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Updating survey for gauge conversion of Ratlam-Indore-Khandwa-Akola including Fatehabad Chandravatiganj-Ujjain branch line has been taken up. This project is not yet sanctioned.

(b): Once gauge conversion of Indore-Akola is done, broad gauge connection would be available with Dewas-Ujjain.

(c) & (d): This will be decided once the work is taken up.